NOTICE OF EMERGENCY RULE-MAKING AND PUBLIC HEARING

The Arkansas Department of Labor has issued an emergency regulation amending Rule 2.501 of the Child Labor Regulations of the Labor Standards Division. The emergency regulation will be effective August 12, 2005, and will remain in effect for 120 days or until replaced by a permanent regulation addressing the same issues.

The purpose of the regulation is to address permissible hours of employment for 16 and 17 year old teens. The regulation will allow all 16 and 17 year old teens to work until 12:00 midnight on nights preceding nonschool days. The regulation further states what occupations are prohibited or permitted for 16 and 17 year olds to work between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 6:00 a.m.

A public hearing will be held regarding the emergency regulation and whether it should become permanent on **Thursday, September 15, 2005 at 10:00 a.m. in the offices of the Department of Labor, 10421 West Markham Street, Little Rock, Arkansas 72205.** Written comment will be accepted through 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 15, 2005, by the Department of Labor at the preceding address. A copy of the emergency regulation and proposed permanent regulation may be obtained from the Labor Standards Division of the Arkansas Department of Labor by calling (501) 682-9093, or by accessing it on the agency's website at: www.arkansas.gov/labor/

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